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Among the top internet search trends for 2025 were the questions, “What is truth?” and “Does truth change over time?” prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent_news_id=9338

In John 8:31-32, Jesus said to those Jews who had believed Him, *“If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”* Later, in the Upper Room, He prayed, *“Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth”* (John 17:17). Jesus was talking about the truth of His Word, and because His Word is revelation from God, it will make them free. But is it always the case that the truth will make you free? I want to suggest that it is.

Jesus said something else about the truth: *This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed* (John 3:19-21).

So why do unbelievers follow Satan, who *does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies* (John 8:44)? I suspect the answer has something to do with the fact that we are all sinners and most sin is accompanied by lies.

The reason we don't want to confess our lies is because of the difficult consequences and possible losses we will have to face. It seems like the truth about our sin is a punishment, not something that sets us free. So we often choose the prison of lies over the freedom of truth. But the difficulties we will face are because of the lie, not the truth. Whatever the consequences, facing the light is the only way out of the dark prison of the lie.

Chaotic people don't tend to come to grips with their sin and repent of it. So they live in a prison of lies. Mature people understand the freedom that follows the truth and progressively rid their lives of lies. And when they catch themselves in a lie or are tempted to lie, they confess it quickly and get back on the path of truth. Only *truth in the innermost being* will make us free (Psalm 51:6).

*For more information see study paper **The Truth... Will it Really Set You Free?**
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